RHYTHM # 8

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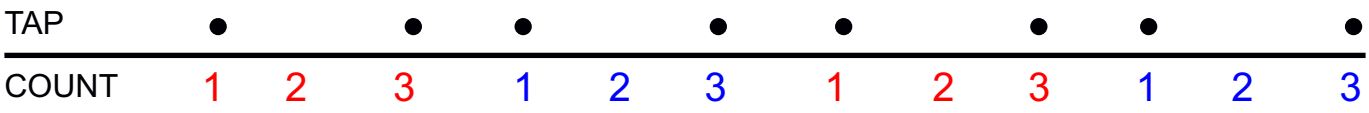
This rhythm is a cross between a SPLIT CHORD rhythm (RIGHT hand) and an UM-PAH rhythm (LEFT hand)

The rhythm is played in what is called ‘12/8’ time. This means there are 4 groups of 3 beats (12 fast beats per bar)

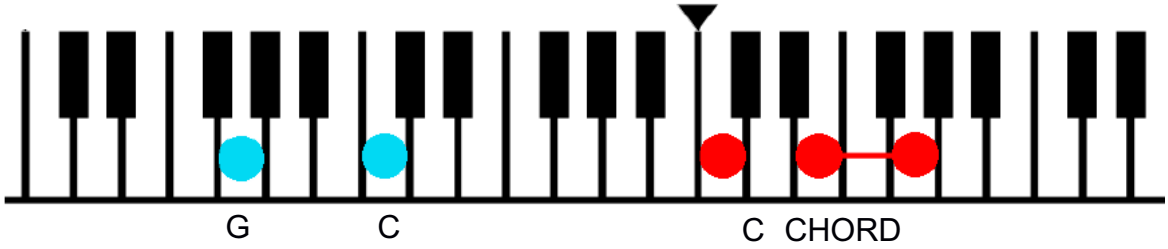
To get the shuffle rhythm you only play on the 1st and 3rd of each group of 3 notes. Tap out the following rhythm as you count out the 4 groups of 3 beats.

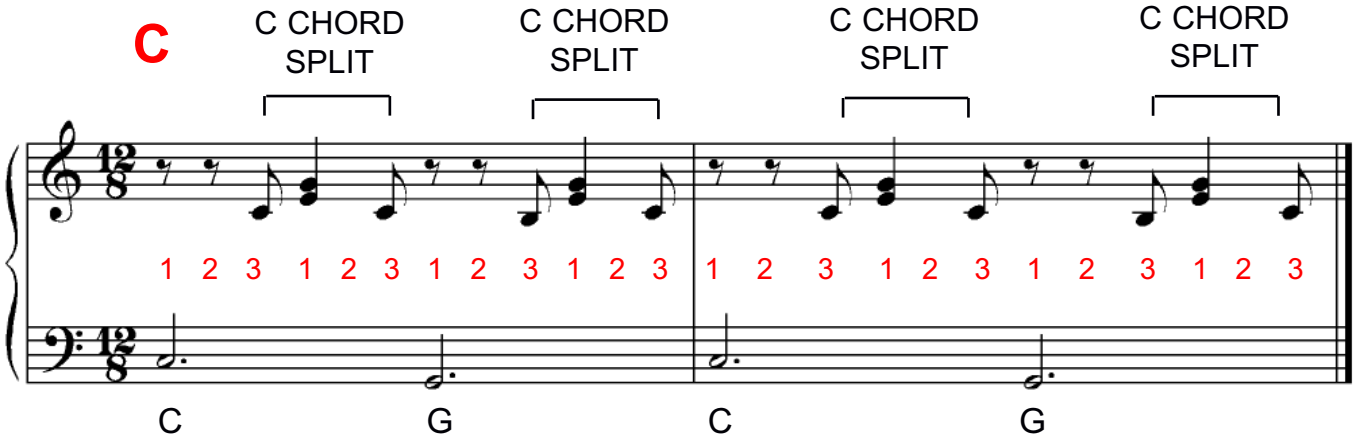


Notice again how it ‘SHUFFLES’ along.

What you are going to do is play this SAME shuffle rhythm using a combination of two left hand notes and a right hand chord split between thumb and (3rd and 5th fingers)

Find the notes for the pattern in C





TRANSPOSE the rhythm to the chords of F and G and you have the makings of a million country songs.